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STRAIGHT EIGHTH ROYALTY

New Form of Oklahoma Oil Lease Announced by Secretary Garfield Does Away With the Optional Feature by Which the Department reserved the Right to Raise the Royalty to One-Sixth—Prairie Oil & Gas Company Is Given Permission to Lay an 8-Inch Line From the Shallow Sand to Caney, a Distance of 26 Miles, Under the Same Conditions That Apply With Regard to Its Existing Lines—No Decision Yet as to Doing Away With Common Carrier Clause in Pipe Line Regulations—Summary of Twin Hills Development, and Notes on Current Operations in the Oklahoma Fields.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Secretary Garfield late today announced that he had decided to change the Oklahoma lease form so as to make the royalty determinate, fixing it at one-eighth. Heretofore it has been one-tenth, but the department reserved the right to raise it to one-sixth at its discretion. The term of future leases is reduced from fifteen years to five years, and such further time as the production of oil keeps up.

It is also announced that the Prairie Oil & Gas Company has been granted permission to lay 26 miles of 8-inch pipe line from the Cherokee shallow sand country, presumably a point in or near the Delaware pool, to Caney, where the company has considerable empty steel storage. This permission is given without making any change in the status of its existing lines and under the same conditions that obtain as to its old lines. This means, in effect, that the company in this instance is exempt from the Hitchcock regulations. Construction of the line will be started immediately. The laying of additional trunk lines to the seaboard will depend upon the secretary's decision with regard to the common carrier proposition.

Mr. Garfield has not yet disposed of the question of doing away with the common carrier agreement, as to the prorating of oil to be handled and minor points. Mr. Wright is investigating these matters in Oklahoma and will report on them. His investigation will require some weeks.

As to the lease forms, some other minor changes additional to those named have been made. The new forms will go into effect by May 1 at the latest. Secretary Garfield believes the new arrangement will meet with the support of the oil men, though not entirely what they wanted. His action followed numerous conferences with a committee from the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Producers' Association. J. S.

RESUME OF DEVELOPMENT IN TWIN HILLS DISTRICT.

OKMULGEE, OKLA., April 15.—(Special)—A resume of the Bald Hill, or Twin Hills, development to date shows fourteen wells completed, eight of which are producers, one water with some oil, three gas and two dry. Thirteen wells are drilling and fourteen derricks are up. Within the next few days several additional rigs will be at work. Conservative estimates of the production of the field at this time vary between 1,500 and 1,700 barrels. The Prairie Oil & Gas Company has completed its four-inch line from Twin Hills to its Morris tank farm and will be handling oil before the end of the week. Following is a summary of operations in detail:

WELLS IN WHICH OIL HAS BEEN DEVELOPED.

Section 6-14-14—Burns and Caton, No. 2, N. E. corner of S. E. ¼ of N. W. ¼; 200 barrels. Burns and Caton, No. 1, N. W. corner of S. E. ¼ of N. E. ¼; 50 barrels (operated by Keystone Oil and Gas Co., lease in controversy). George Harmon, S. E. corner of N. E. ¼ of N. W. ¼; 250 barrels. Producers' Oil Company, center of N. W. ¼ of N. W. ¼; 250 barrels.

Section 5-14-14—Mabel Oil Co., S. W. corner of N. W. ¼ of N. W. ¼; 250 barrels. Vicmar Oil Co., N. W. corner of N. E. ¼ of N. W. ¼; 200 barrels.

Section 29-15-14—W. H. Roeser, S. W. corner of S. E. ¼; 200 barrels.

Section 20-15-14—Galbreath & Chesley, S. E. corner of S. W. ¼ of S. E. ¼; 100 barrels.

Section 1-14-13—Mabel Oil Company, N. E. corner of N. E. ¼. (Water, with showing of oil. Now rigging to pump.)

GAS WELLS.

Section 32-15-14—Canadian Oil Company, Center of west line S. W. ¼ of S. W. ¼.

Section 21-15-14—Galbreath & Chesley, S. E. corner of N. E. ¼ of N. E. ¼.

Section 22-15-14—Galbreath & Chesley, N. E. corner of S. W. ¼ of S. W. ¼.

DRY HOLES.

Section 21-15-14—Galbreath & Chesley, N. W. corner of N. W. ¼.

Section 31-15-14—Vicmar Oil Company, S. E. corner of N. W. ¼.

DRILLING WELLS.

Section 6-14-14—Burns & Caton, location west of No. 2.

Section 5-14-14—Regal Oil Company, N. E. corner of S. W. ¼ of N. W. ¼. Mabel Oil Company, N. E. corner of N. W. ¼ of N. W. ¼.

Section 31-15-14—Vicmar Oil Company, S. E. corner of N. E. ¼.

Section 29-15-14—Letcher & Leonard, S. W. corner of N. W. ¼. George Harmon, N. W. corner of N. E. ¼ of N. E. ¼. Galbreath & Chesley, N. E. corner of N. W. ¼ of N. E. ¼.

Section 20-15-14—Gordon Clarke, S. W. corner of S. E. ¼ of S. E. ¼.

Section 18-15-14—George Harmon, S. W. corner of S. E. ¼ of S. E. ¼.

Section 17-15-14—Concharty Mountain Oil Company, S. E. corner of N. W. ¼ of S. W. ¼.

Section 15-15-14—Galbreath & Chesley, S. W. corner of S. W. ¼.

Section 28-15-13—Keystone Oil and Gas Company, N. W. corner of N. W. ¼. (Dry in aBld Hill Sand. Drilling deeper.)

DERRICKS ERECTED.

Section 13-14-13—James Scott, S. E. corner of S. W. ¼.

Section 12-14-13—W. S. Turman, N. E. corner of N. E. ¼.

Section 6-14-14—George Harmon, location west of No. 1. Burns & Caton, N. E. ¼ of S. W. ¼. Burns & Caton, N. W. corner of S. W. ¼ of N. E. ¼. Prairie Oil and Gas Company, N. E. corner of N. W. ¼ of S. E. ¼.

Section 5-14-14—Mabel Oil Company, N. W. corner of N. W. ¼ of N. W. ¼.

Section 31-15-14—Winona and Leader, S. E. corner of S. W. ¼ of S. W. ¼. Winona & Leader, S. E. corner of S. E. ¼.

Section 32-15-14—Canadian Oil Company, S. E. corner of S. W. ¼ of S. W. ¼. Canadian Oil Company, S. W. corner of S. E. ¼ of S. W. ¼.

Section 29-15-14—W. H. Roeser, S. E. corner of S. E. ¼.

Section 27-15-14—Galbreath & Chesley, N. W. corner of S. E. ¼ of S. E. ¼.

Section 20-15-14—George Harmon, S. E. corner of N. W. ¼.

Various theories are advanced by operators as to the trend of the Twin Hills field. Up until the drilling of the Mabel Oil Company well in the northeast corner of the northeast quarter of section 1-14-13, it was the concensus of opinion that the field ran northeast and southwest. Inasmuch as this well showed but little oil and practically all of the sand contained salt water, many of the operators are now playing the field either to the east or directly north and south. It has been noticed in the drilling of the wells in sections 1, 5 and 6 that the sand is dipping toward the west. The Mabel Oil Company's well in section 1 got 80 feet of sand at 1,740 feet, which is 30 feet below the [illegible] at which it was found in the [illegible] & Caton well, just one-half mile e[illegible] much as the salt water was [illegible]d in the Mabel Oil Company w[illegible] section 5 at 18 feet in the sand, it looks as if the territory toward the west will not be productive. However, there is nothing yet to condemn the land toward the southeast, and operators are inclined to favor the east, south and southeast territory. The territory covered by the development up to this time includes about ten sections.

It is reported from the field this evening that the sand was found in the Concharty Moutain Company's well in the southeast corner of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of 17-15-14 at 1721 feet and that the oil came up within 700 feet of the top of the hole when the drill went into the pay. This well is over three miles due north of the Vicmar and Mabel wells in section 5-14-14.

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PIPE LINE RUNS AND CURRENT OPERATIONS.

TULSA, OKLA., April 16.—(Special.)—Pipe line runs during the first two weeks of April fell a little short of the average maintained during the same period in March. The Prairie Oil and Gas Company handled 88,209 barrels a day from all districts, as compared with 89,685 barrels a day in the first fourteen days of last month, the Gulf Pipe Line Company 19,100 barrels a day from the Glenn pool, as compared with 20,000 barrels a day in March, and the Texas Company 15,000 barrels a day from the Glenn pool, the same as its March record. The runs by all three companies amounted to 122,309 barrels a day as against 124,685 barrels a day during the first two weeks of March. Pipe line receipts from the Glenn field show little variation, staying in the neighborhood of 52,000 barrels a day. Producers are putting 10,000 to 15,000 barrels a day in their own storage. The shooting of old and new wells continues, and by this means the production of the field is sustained at a level beyond the capacity of the pipe lines. The Higgins Oil and Fuel Company, which has acquired production in the Glenn field by the purchase of a half interest in the Keystone Oil & Gas Company, operating the Sewell 80 acres in section 21, is endeavoring to lease part of a loading rack on the Frisco. If not successful in this it will put in its own rack. This company has purchased over a quarter of a million barrels of Glenn oil and expects to increase its rail shipments to Texas. The bridge on the Midland Valley spur between Watkins and Jenks went down early in the month and as a result the Gulf Pipe Line Company's car shipments were retarded, averaging only 1,000 barrels daily for the first fourteen days of April.

HIGGINS COMPANY ENTERS THE FIELD

The negotiations by the Higgins Oil & Fuel Company for W. I. Stewart's half interest in the Keystone Oil & Gas Company, reported in this correspondence two weeks ago, was concluded last week and the Higgins Company will hereafter be a factor in the Glenn field. Manager C. L. Wallis, Treasurer W. S. Davidson, who is president of the First National Bank of Beaumont and a brother of Attorney General Davidson of Texas, and F. D. Minor of Greer, Minor & Minor, counsel for the Higgins Company, spent two days in Tulsa closing up the transaction. It is understood that the consideration involved was $100,000. The Higgins Company has nearly 200 tank cars and has ordered more and is building additional cars in its own shops at Beaumont. For some months past the company has had a large number of its cars in service between the Glenn field and the Gulf coast, loading oil at the Heywood rack and delivering most of it to the Security Oil Company of Beaumont. The plans of the company contemplate putting most of its equipment into the Oklahoma-Texas service. There is already a production of 600 barrels on the Keystone 80 acres in section 21, Glenn pool. The wells will be cleaned out and another started immediately. The Higgins Company will handle the production of this lease and expects to take about 2,000 barrels a day in addition, for shipment to Texas, from the properties of Ufer & Sinclair and others. Since the early days of Spindletop the Higgins Company has been a large shipper of Gulf fuel oil. The company owns 33 acres on Spindletop, 15 acres of which was leased on 50 per cent royalty to the Heywood Oil Company. One of the Heywood wells produced 1,395,000 barrels in the ten months from June 1, 1901 to April 1, 1902. This oil was sold at 20 cents a barrel, and half of the proceeds went to the Higgins people. The Higgins property on Spindletop is now under lease to several different parties, and the Heywood lease is subleased. During the last three years the Higgins Company has been a heavy shipper of Jennings oil. The company owns property at Sour Lake, Batson and Humble, and has interests in nearly all the Texas-Louisiana districts. C. L. Wallis is president and general manager.

TANK LINE PROPOSITION.

A representative of the American Car & Foundry Company has been in Tulsa at intervals for several weeks past, seeking to interest producers in a proposed tank car line by which it is planned to secure an outlet for 10,000 to 15,000 barrels daily of Glenn

crude. The prospectus suggests a million dollar company, half of the stock to be subscribed at par by the producers. It is proposed to put 500 tank cars in service, to be known as the Oklahoma Tank Line. One large operator has put his name down for $100,000 of the stock. The producers are to organize the marketing end of the concern, and it is presumed that in the event the deal goes through the company will look for its business in the south and southeast. It is reported that an operator having extensive interests in the Glenn pool has secured the use of 100 tank cars, which are shortly to be delivered, and that he will make deliveries to the Security Oil Company at Beaumont. Representatives of various car building concerns have been in Tulsa recently, endeavoring to interest producers in tank line propositions.

NOTES.

J. H. Yust, who has been private secretary to F. A. Leovy, manager of the Oklahoma division of the Gulf Pipe Line Company since Mr. Leovy came to Tulsa, and who occupied a similar position in Beaumont, has been appointed traffic and claim agent, with headquarters at Tulsa. As a side line he is boosting the Tulsa Country Club. This means that the club is being actively boosted, for whatever Mr. Yust undertakes he overtakes, stays with and accomplishes. He is from Missouri. Nuff sed.

Arthur Amm has been promoted from the accounting to the production department of the Gulf Pipe Line Company at Tulsa, and is now assistant to Mr. Braymer. Mr. Amm and Lew Emery—the tall and lofty Lewie—presented Richard Harding Davis' "The Littlest Girl" at the Elks' minstrel show in Tulsa some weeks ago, and made one large hit. They were assisted by little Miss Campbell, who contributed her full share to the success of the performance. Mr. Amm was formerly on the stage, but has reformed, so to speak.

A dispatch to the Dallas News from Durant, Okla., on April 12, tells of the striking of gas in a well on the J. T. Potts farm, two miles west of Colbert, at a depth of 82 feet.

The Kansas Tax Commission has instructed county assessors to levy taxes upon the wells and also upon the mineral lease under which the wells are operated. Heretofore, in most counties at least, the only item which has been taxed has been the fixtures. These, of course, will be levied upon as usual. The wells are to be appraised according to their production. As a basis of valuation Edwin Foster, the county assessor of Montgomery county, said that he had adopted the rule that a gas well is worth $800 for every million cubic feet it will produce daily and that an oil well is worth $200 for every barrel of oil it will produce daily. In assessing gas wells Mr. Foster says that he goes by the actual test, not by the quantity drawn from the well daily, in case its output is being used.

Charles T. Wilson, for several years past in charge of oil and shipping accounts for the Higgins Oil & Fuel Company at Beaumont, has been transferred to Tulsa, where he will have charge of the Higgins Company's business. His headquarters will be at the Keystone Oil and Gas Company's office. The Higgins Company now owns a half interest in the Keystone properties in the Glenn pool, the Bird Creek field, the shallow sand and Twin Hills.

Al Hamill of Beaumont has been in Tulsa for several weeks. He is looking for some good leases, and will hang around until he gets what he wants—this being Al's system.

The Oklahoma board of equalization meets on April 22 at Guthrie. This body will fix the assessments on pipe lines. Heretofore, in Kansas, it has been the custom to assess the lines on the basis of 25 per cent of the cost of the pipe, but it is understood that the assessment has been raised this year.

The Oklahoma City Gas & Electric Company has announced that it will lay 50 miles of additional gas mains this year and will make other improvements involving an outlay of $250,000.

E. Roger Kemp of Pittsburg, Pa., representative of Jennings Brothers and the Pure Oil interests in the Oklahoma field, was married on April 9 at the Holland Hotel, New York, to Miss Laura Jennings, sister of E. H. Jennings, of Pittsburg. Mr. and Mrs. Kemp are now at Virginia Hot Springs.

F. A. Innes of Nowata has just completed a new map of the Twin Hills district, bringing it up to date in every respect. The map also takes in Morris and Okmulgee.

It is reported in Tulsa that the representatives of the Oklahoma-Texas roads are getting together on a proposition to raise the through rate on crude oil shipments to Texas points. The present rate is about 46 cents a barrel.

The test on the William Bittle 160 acres, section 1-17-11, over one-half mile west of the extreme northwest development in the Glenn field, had only a showing of oil. It was drilled by Frank Young for Crosbie & Tyrrell.

Sheets Bros. & Huckleberry have completed a well three locations north of the big Creek No. 5, in section 9-14-18 at Muskogee. It is reported good for 300 to 500 barrels.

Things are dull in the Western Oklahoma districts. At Wheeler the Santa Fe has shut down, and there seems little prospect of an immediate resumption of work. At Gotebo, in Kiowa county, only one well is drilling.

VICMAR WELL AT TWIN HILLS DEVELOPED SALT WATER.

OKMULGEE, OKLA., April 17.—(Special)—The Vicmar Oil & Gas Company's well in the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of section 31-15-14, found the sand at 1,690 feet and went through it into salt water at 1,725 feet. It was hard drilling through the sand, and very little oil showed up. The well probably will be drilled deeper. Letcher & Leonard, who were drilling in the southwest corner of the northwest quarter of section 29-15-14, suspended operations on this hole and moved the derrick and rig to the southeast corner of the northwest quarter of the same section. The salt water in the Vicmar well did not look good to them. Harry Wilson has material on the ground for a derrick in the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 33-15-14, and the Producers' Oil Company is building a rig in the southeast corner of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 6-14-14.

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LATE DOPE FROM OKMULGEE.

OKMULGEE, OKLA., April 19.—(Special Telegram.)—The Regal well in the northeast corner of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 5, township 14, range 14, Twin Hills district, has been drilled into the sand and shows very little oil. It may make a small producer with the aid of a shot. The Concharty well in section 17, township 15, range 14, is looking good, and will be drilled in probably tomorrow or next day. The Winslow well, offsetting the Gulf Pipe Line Company's well south of the Morris development, is reported good for 200 barrels.

OIL IN GLENN SAND NORTH OF THE POOL?

It is reported that a good showing of oil has been found in the Glenn sand in Charles Page's test on the Noah Ispocogee land in section 20, township 18, range 12, about midway between the gas development in the Red Fork district on the north and Glenn pool on the south. The six and five-eighths pipe was set below 1,300 feet, and when the drillers started to pull out preparatory to reaming down the well is said to have cleaned itself, considerable oil showing up.

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OIL REFINERY FOR TEXAS CITY.

It is reported on reliable authority that plans have been formulating for several months to build an oil refinery at Texas City, near Galveston, Texas. The prime movers in the enterprise are well known oil men of the East, having production of their own tin the Mid-continent fields. With a refinery at deep water and their own production and a line of private tank cars connecting the two, the promoters expect to make the proposition a very profitable one.

W. D. Todd of Chelsea, Okla., has announced the completion of arrangements for starting work on the plant at once and it is expected to break ground without delay. Mr. Todd is well known in the east as the organizer of the Cornplanter Refinery at Warren, Pa., and is said to have ample capital behind him to finance this new enterprise without difficulty. The plans contemplate a refinery of eight stills and four agitators capable of using 1,200 barrels of crude every 24 hours. It is stated that the output of the refinery will be shipped principally to Mexico, to South America and to European markets. The plant will be so arranged that the output may be increased to about 4,000 barrels a day with little additional expense. It is expected to produce kerosene, gasoline, various grades of lubricating oils and other refined products. It is also proposed to establish a cooperage shop in connection with the refinery for the manufacture of barrels and other recepticles for the storing and transportation of the products of the company. It is stated, but has not had verification, that the company, which will be known as the Texas City Refining Company has placed orders with tank car manufacturers for equipment to haul its oil from Oklahoma to tide water, and that it later contemplates a pipe line; also that contracts have been entered into with the Cherokee Oil & Gas Company, with production in Oklahoma, for its crude requirements. It is understood that Mr. Todd and his associates own a controlling interest in this company.

GUFFEY WELL SOUTH OF CADDO FIELD FLOWS FORTY GRAVITY OIL.

A well of the J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company on the S. C. Hostetter land, section 30-20-15, one-half mile east of Mooringsport, about four miles south of the old development at Caddo City and on the south side of Caddo Lake, La., was opened on April 5 after standing capped for a year, and made a flow of oil over the derrick. It has been tested several times since for periods of twenty to thirty minutes and has produced oil, free from water, at the rate of 75 to 85 barrels an hour. Tanks are now being erected and when they are completed a thorough test of the well will be made. The oil is 40 gravity, being lighter than that from the Blanchard well at Caddo City.

The Hostetter well blew out on the night of March 22, 1907, at a depth of 2208 feet. It went wild for some time, but was finally choked with mud, and the four-inch drill pipe, with a bit on the bottom, is still in the hole. A little oil showed up just before the blowout. Attention was attracted to it early this month because of the oil which was leaking from the valve. It was opened with the result stated.

One theory is that the oil is coming through the holes in the bit at the bottom of the hole. No water has shown in it yet, and the fine quality of the oil makes the development exceedingly interesting. In the old Caddo field, from three to four miles north of the Hostetter well, the pay is found at 2250 to 2260 feet, with a heavy gas sand above it, and the largest producer so far brought in is a 500 barrel well in section 1, Caddo City.

Near the Hostetter well a gas well was completed over a year ago, finding the first gas sand at 775 feet, whereas it is 840 feet in the Caddo City district. This would make it appear that there is a dip to the north. If the dip is uniform there seems little doubt that the oil in the Hostetter well is coming from a formation that corresponds to the 2250 foot sand farther north.

Until a thorough test of the well has been made it is useless to try to figure the dope on it. A location has been made by the Guffey Company for a well on the E. C. Christian estate in section 31, adjoining the Hostetter land on the south. The Producers' Oil Company has a ten acre tract adjoining the Hostetter on the east, and only a short distance from the well which is now the principal object of interest.

A favorable feature of the Moorings development is the fact that the gas well on the Hostetter land is free from water, while most of those in the Caddo City district show water. The Hostetter gas well is supplying the Citizens' gas line with gas for Shreveport consumption.

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OPINION AS TO DEMURRAGE CHARGES — WASHINGTON TOPICS.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—(Special Telegram)—The Interstate Commerce Commission today, in an opinion by Commissioner Lane, announced its decision in the matter of demurrage charges on privately owned tank cars. The conclusion is that private cars owned by shippers and hired to carriers upon a mileage basis are subject to demurrage when such cars stand upon the tracks of the carrier, either at point of origin or destination of shipment, but are not so subject when upon either the private track of the owner of the car or the private track of the consignee. The carrier must charge demurrage in all cases where such demurrage is imposed by tariff provision upon its own equipment, except when a privately owned car is upon a privately owned siding or track, and the carrier [illegible]aying or is responsible for, no [illegible] or other charge upon such cars. A privately owned car, in the sense in which that expression is here used, is a car owned and used by an individual, firm, or corporation for the transportation of the commodities which they produce or in which they deal. In expressing this opinion the commission is not to be regarded as bound thereby, either to the recognition of the right of a carrier to refuse to furnish proper and appropriate facilities for the shipment of oil or any other commodity or of the right of a carrier to so contract with a shipper for the use of facilities as to permit any discrimination as between shippers or consignees.

The House Committee on Indian Affairs has made a favorable report on the McGuire Bill, with amendments, for the removal of restrictions from part of the lands of allottees of the five civilized tribes. This bill is pending before the Senate Indian Affairs Committee. As it is reported to the House by Representative McGuire it removes restrictions on all lands except on the homesteads of mixed bloods, having one-half or more than half Indian blood and except all alloted lands of living full bloods. An amendment was added in the committee which provides that the proposed law shall not apply to gas, oil and other mineral leases made before the act takes effect.

The committee turned down the proposition to give the federal courts jurisdiction over the persons and property of minor allottees and added to the bill an amendment which provides that the persons and property of minors shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the probate courts of Oklahoma. But the secretary of the interior may appoint such local representatives for the Eastern judicial district of Oklahoma as he may deem necessary to supervise and investigate the conduct of the curators having the estates of minors in charge. These representatives are empowered to take the necessary steps, by suit or otherwise, to protect the minor allottees. J. S.

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January .....
February .....1.[illegible]
March .....1,1[illegible]

Total .....3,345,5[illegible]

MID-CONTINENT STOCK.

Prairie O. & G. Co. .....
Gulf P. L. Co. (Est.).....
The Texas Co. (Est.) .....2,[illegible]
In producers' tanks .....6,4[illegible]

Total .....48,35[illegible]

GULF COAST REGION.

Production.

	Total Bbls.	Daily
January (Est.)	1,479,950	47[illegible]
February (Est.)	1,497,950	51,[illegible]
March (Est.)	1,663,980	53,6[illegible]
Total	4,641,880	

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SECURITY OIL COMPANY LOSES CRUDE NAPHTHA BY FIRE.

Tank No. 77 at the plant of the Security Oil Company in South Beaumont, was struck by lightning at 10 in the morning on April 14 and most of its contents destroyed. The tank was of steel of 55,000 barrels capacity and contained about 45,000 barrels of crude naphtha, a semi-refined product. The oil pumps were promptly set to work and a salvage of about 7,000 barrels accomplished. The tank also is ruined, the loss on it being about $14,000.

At 5:30 on the morning of April 15 the fire had burned itself out and the danger period had passed. The full fire fighting equipment of the Security Company, complete in every particular, was brought into play, without effect, however, except to keep the adjacent tanks cool and free from danger.

It is stated by persons interested that the drill in the American Sulphur & Oil Company's second well south of Liberty, Tex., went through 311 feet of sulphur.

OIL MEN AT JENNINGS AGAIN ENJOINED.

Judge Hampden Story of the district court of Acadia parish, La., has served notice on the operators of the Jennings, La., field that salt water from the wells of that district must not be drained into Bayou des Cannes and the Mermentau river, or sloughs or ditches leading thereto. This is a repetition of last year's controversy, at which time a similar injunction was obtained, resulting in the necessity for storing large quantities of salt water in earthen storage at the Jennings field during the rice irrigation season, between the months of May and September. Judge Story's order is based on the decision in the case of A. D. McFarlain vs. the Jennings-Heywood Syndicate, making damages accrued from injury to rice from salt water from the oil wells recoverable. This action is not unexpected, as the same condition arises each year. Despite this, however, it finds some of the operators without adequate water storage facilities and will accordingly work some inconvenience during the summer months.

WATERS-PIERCE AND GROSS RECEIPTS TAX.

The Waters-Pierce Oil Company has not paid the gross receipts tax for the quarter ending December 31, 1907, nor filed its report with the Texas state comptroller's department as required by the act of the Thirtieth legislature, thus making it liable to penalties. The company also has failed to settle for the quarter ending March 31, 1908. Receiver Dorchester states that the company has notified him that it denies its liability to such a tax and protests against the use of any of its funds held by the receiver being used for such a purpose.

W. A. Guyton & Company of Galveston, Tex., have submitted an ordinance asking a franchise from the city of Galveston for laying two pipe lines, one for serving the Galveston Electric Company and the other for the Tremont Hotel. At present the firm has a pipeline for supplying the dredges used in the grade raising. One of the above lines is proposed to connect with this line.

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STATISTICS OF ALL FIELDS

(Three Months, 1908.)

MID-CONTINENT REGION.

PRAIRIE OIL AND GAS COMPANY.

1908.	Total Bbls.	Daily Avg.
Runs.		
January	2,914,843.19	94,027.20
February	2,773,592.27	95,641.11
March	2,985,696.98	96,312.81
Total	7,674,132.44	
Deliveries.		
January	2,332,098.07	75,228.97
February	2,005,284.75	69,147.75
March	1,994,992.29	64,354.29
Total	6,332,375.12	
Tanked.		
January	582,745.12	18,798.23
February	768,307.52	26,493.36
March	990,704.69	31,958.22
Total	2,341,757.33	
Stocks.		
February 1	32,569,215.29	
March 1	33,352,054.29	
April 1	34,555,351.62	

GULF PIPE LINE COMPANY.

(Estimated.)

Runs.		
January	558,000	18,000
February	533,600	18,400
March	620,000	20,000
Total	1,711,600	
Deliveries.		
January	387,500	12,500
February	437,900	15,100
March	496,000	16,000
Total	1,321,400	
Tanked.		
January	170,500	5,500
February	95,700	3,300
March	124,000	4,000
Total	390,200	
Stocks.		
April 1	5,000,000	

THE TEXAS COMPANY.

(Estimated.)

Runs.		
January	465,000	15,000
February	464,000	16,000
March	465,000	15,000
Total	1,394,000	
Deliveries.		
January	465,000	15,000
February	464,000	16,000
March	465,000	15,000
Total	1,394,000	
Tanked.		
None.		
Stocks.		
April 1	2,400,000	

RECAPITULATION—MID-CONTINENT REGION.

All Pipe Line Runs.		
January	3,937,843.19	127,027.20
February	3,771,192.27	130,041.11
March	4,070,696.98	131,312.81
Total	11,779,732.44	
Deliveries.		
January	3,184,598.07	102,728.97
February	2,907,184.75	100,247.75
March	2,955,992.29	95,354.29
Total	9,047,675.11	
Tanked.		
January	1,043,245.12	33,654.23
February	1,188,007.52	39,149.36
March	1,114,704.69	35,958.22
Total	3,345,957.33	

MID-CONTINENT STOCKS APRIL 1.

Prairie O. & G. Co.	34,555,351.62
Gulf P. L. Co. (Est.)	5,000,000.00
The Texas Co. (Est.)	2,400,000.00
In producers' tanks	6,400,000.00
Total	48,355,351.62

GULF COAST REGION.

Production.

	Total Bbls.	Daily Avg.
January (Est.)	1,479,950	47,740
February (Est.)	1,497,950	51,653
March (Est.)	1,663,980	53,677
Total	4,641,880	

(April 1 to 14.)

PRAIRIE OIL AND GAS COMPANY.

	Apr. 1 to 14.	Mar. 1 to 14.
Runs	1,234,926	1,255,589
Daily average	88,209	89,685
Deliveries	886,732	933,878
Daily average	63,338	66,706
Tanked	348,194	321,711
Daily average	24,871	22,979

GULF PIPE LINE COMPANY.

	Apr. 1 to 14.	Mar. 1 to 14.
Runs	267,400	280,000
Daily average	19,100	20,000
Deliveries	210,000	203,000
Daily average	15,000	14,500
Tanked	57,400	77,000
Daily average	4,000	5,500

THE TEXAS COMPANY.

	Apr. 1 to 14.	Mar. 1 to 14.
Runs	210,000	210,000
Daily average	15,000	15,000
Deliveries	210,000	210,000
Daily average	15,000	15,000
Tanked	None.	None.

Consumption. (Estimated.)		
January	1,192,791	38,477
February	977,113	33,694
March	949,814	30,640
Total	3,019,718	
Stocks.		
April 1 (Est.)	5,165,287	

ILLINOIS REGION.

1908.	Runs.	Shipments.	Stocks.
Jan.	2,497,354.21	77,936.36	14,053,277.39
Feb.	2,464,914.17	230,336.22	15,010,751.96
*Mch.	2,591,911.33	303,318.31	15,848,970.90
Tot.	7,554,179.71	611,580.89	

*Other receipts, 191,963.25.
*Other deliveries, 1,691,678.06.
*Daily average runs, 83,287.46.

PENNSYLVANIA-LIMA-KENTUCKY.

1908.	Total Bbls.	Daily Avg.
Runs.		
January	2,533,716.21	81,732.78
February	2,333,342.23	80,460.07
March	2,611,812.17	84,252.00
Total	9,478,870.61	
Deliveries.		
January	5,554,984.38	179,193.04
February	4,985,638.34	171,918.56
March	5,147,047.87	166,033.80
Total	15,687,670.59	
Gross Stocks.		
January 1	12,472,264.11	
February 1	12,835,197.60	
March 1	12,949,112.20	
April 1	13,512,728.28	

The foregoing gross stocks held by Eastern pipe lines are made up of the following grades of oil:

Grade.	February.	March.
Pennsylvania	3,036,058.82	3,074,634.28
Lima	4,699,795.15	4,567,612.34
Kentucky	310,770.89	334,912.48
Kansas	2,815,878.05	2,615,961.13
Illinois	2,986,609.29	2,919,608.05
Total	12,949,112.20	13,512,728.28

WILDCAT NOTES.

W. S. Lewis started a well six miles northwest of Markham, Tex., on April 8. He finished a dry hole for the Texas Land and Cattle Company on February 3 at a depth of 3,012 feet.

The well of Joachimi and Sievert on 125 acres out of the Yoakum tract at Pine Island, Tex., between Beaumont and Sour Lake, was started April 11.

The Red River Oil and Gas Company, composed of West Virginia and Pennsylvania people, has leased 270 acres of land near Sherman, Tex., and will start several tests, one seven miles west of Sherman in Grayson county, one in Cook and one in Fannin county. Three cars of machinery arrived at Sherman on April 9. Paul Mahoney of Sherman represents the company.

The gas well reported near Victoria, Tex., has been abandoned.

A showing of oil is reported to have been found by the Anderson County Oil Company near Neches, Tex., on April 9, at 1,050 feet.

OKLAHOMA PIPE LINE RUNS

CRUDE PETROLEUM MARKET

Quotations on Credit Balances as Posted by the Pipe Lines.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS AND LOUISIANA.

Sun Company.

District.	Feb. 4.	Feb. 19.	Mch. 14.	Mch. 30.	Apl. 11.
Spindletop	70	70	70	68	68
Sour Lake	70	70	70	68	68
Batson, 20 and up	68	67	67	65	64
Batson, 17 and up	68	67	67	65	64
Saratoga, 20 and up	70	70	70	66	65
Humble, heavy	73	73	70	68	68
Dayton	60	60	60	58	58

Gulf Pipe Line Company.

District.	Feb. 1.	Feb. 5.	Mch. 14.	Mch. 31.	Apl. 11.
Spindletop	70	70	70	68	68
Sour Lake	72	72	72	70	70
Saratoga	72	71	71	66	66
Batson	68	68	68	65	64
Humble	75	73	70	68	68

The Texas Company.

District.	Nov. 19.	Jan. 23.	Feb. 4.	Mch. 13.	Mch. 30.
Sour Lake	79	77	75	72	70
Saratoga	75	73	71	71	66
Humble	77	75	73	70	68
Jennings	74	72	70	67	64
Shreveport	74	72	70	67	64

Above prices do not include loading, storage or other charges on oil shipped by tank car.

NORTH TEXAS.

	Mar. 2.	Mar. 16.	Mar. 30.
Corsicana, light	$0.95	$0.90	$0.85
Corsicana, heavy	.70	.67	.65
Henrietta, Texas	.85	.80	.75

KANSAS AND OKLAHOMA.

Prairie Oil and Gas Company.

	1907 Feb. 11.	1907 Mch. 9.
32 gravity and over	$0.40	$0.41
32 to 31½ gravity	.37	.38
31½ to 31 gravity	.34	.38
31 to 30½ gravity	.31	.32
30½ to 30 gravity	.27	.28
Heavy or fuel oil	.27	.28

Gulf Pipe Line Company.

	1907 Dec. 5.
Glenn Crude	$0.35

EASTERN STATES.

Seep Purchasing Agency.

Pennsylvania	$1.78
Second sand	1.78
Tiona oil	1.78
Amber oil	1.78
Corning	1.14
Newcastle	1.22
Cabell	1.32
Butler, Ohio	1.78
North Lima	*1.04
South Lima	*.99
Indiana	*.99
Illinois	.68
Illinois, under 30 deg.	.60
Princeton, Ind.	.68
Somerset	1.00
Ragland	.75
Canada	1.34

*Advanced 5 cents February 26.

The Nederland Oil Company, in drilling near Port Neches, encountered a showing of oil at about 400 feet, but later abandoned the well on account of salt water. Another well will probably be drilled about 100 feet south of the abandoned one.

Patillo Higgins is still drilling at Hockley, Tex., and is reported to have started two new wells.

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TEXAS-LOUISIANA SUMMARY

(April 1 to 14.)

Twenty-eight wells were completed in the Gulf Coast region in the first half of April, 22 being producers, with an initial production of 14,400 barrels, five dry and 1, at Humble, a gasser. The average production per well of the new completions was 514 barrels. There were 33 completions in the first half of March, of which 24 were producers, 6 dry and 3 gasers. Jennings furnished the bulk of the new production, being credited with 13,150 barrels from 10 wells. Five of the wells started off at over 1,000 barrels, the balance ranging from 200 to 750 barrels. Producers 41 on the Latreille headed the list with 4,800 barrels, but had dropped to about 4,000 barrels on April 18. Producers 18, one hundred feet east of the syndicate property, came in good for 3,000 barrels, but on April 18 had increased to 4,500 barrels and was gushing. Syndicate 57 and Jennings 13, on the Clement, and Zigler 3, on the Schultz, are credited with 1,000 barrels initial production. McInerney 1, on the Schultz, and Carencro 1, on the Conklin, were salt water wells. Nineteen wells were drilling at Jennings on April 15 and two rigs were up.

Humble is credited with 8 completions with an initial production of 425 barrels from 4 wells. Three were dry and 1 gas. Hermann 36, on the Hermann, is credited with 225 barrels initial production, while Farish & Simms 15, on the Mason, was good for 150 barrels when it came in. The other two were rated 25 barrel wells. Humble reports 42 drilling wells and 5 rigs up on April 15, many of the drilling wells, however, being shut down for various reasons. They are not abandoned, as the pipe has not been pulled, and work on them will be resumed at a favorable time.

At Spindletop 4 completions were reported during the first half of April, with initial production of 450 barrels. Unity 11 (formerly Big Five Oil Company), on the McFaddin, started at 275 barrels and Lucky Strike 4, on the McFaddin, at 125 barrels. Production of new wells in the McFaddin holds up in good shape. Twenty-two wells were drilling on April 15 with but 1 rig up.

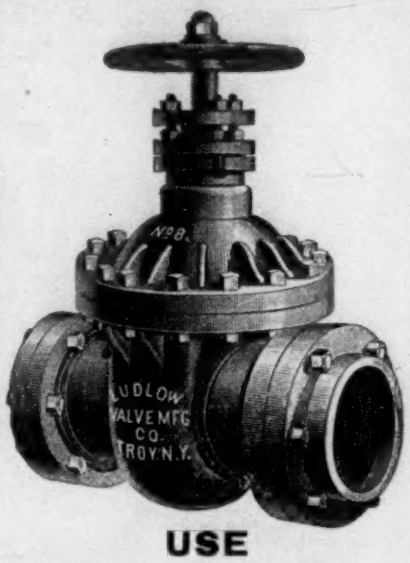
Sour Lake reported but 1 completion, Texas 121, on the Texas farm, good for 40 barrels. Ten wells were drilling on April 15, and 2 rigs were up.

At Batson there was 1 completion, Acorn 10, on the Paraffine 30 acres, good for 10 barrels initial production. Six wells were drilling April 15. It is reported that E. F. Denman has bought the Cavitt Oil Company property, known as the Huntington two acres. The storm on the night of April 13 blew down sixty-four derricks and eight standard rigs at Batson.

At Saratoga, Guffey 5, on the Phillips strip of the Hopkins, was completed for 300 barrels. The only other completion was Santa Fe 18 on the Santa Fe farm, rated at 25 barrels. Nine wells were drilling and 2 rigs up April 15. The deepening of new wells continues to increase the production of the field. Producers 4 having been drilled to about 1,450 feet, increasing to 100 barrels, with no water. Rio Bravo 234, on the Rio Bravo, was put down to about 1,550 feet and was flowing about 200 barrels on April 15.

At Caddo no completions are reported. Drilling is active, however, 18 rigs being at work on April 15. There were 2 rigs up, and 11 derricks had been erected for the drilling of new wells on the same date. The main item of interest in connection with Caddo during the first half of April is the revival of the old Guffey well on the Hostetter farm, completed in March, 1907. It remained capped until April 5, when one of the company's surveyors noticed oil leaking out of the valve. When he turned the well on it gushed for periods of 30 minutes at the rate of 1,500 to 2,000 barrels a day. No extended test has been made of the staying powers of the well, but if it holds up on being connected up to the tanks that are now being erected to care for its output, it will be much of a factor in the situation. The oil tests 40 to 42 Beaume.

At Anse la Butte little is being done. There were no completions during the first half of April, and 5 wells were drilling on April 15 with 4 derricks up for new work. Two old holes are being deepened.



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GULF COAST PRODUCTION.

Estimates of production on April 15 indicate a slight increase in the gross output of the Gulf region. The Texas districts are credited on that date 34,160 barrels as against 33,730 barrels on March 31, and the Louisiana districts with 20,710 barrels as against 20,730 barrels on March 31, the aggregate production on April 15 being put at 54,870 barrels against 54,460 barrels on March 31.

THE CRUDE OIL MARKET.

The Sun Company and Gulf Pipe Line Company on April 11 cut Batson one cent and the Sun reduced Saratoga one cent. The postings of The Texas Company remain unchanged. The present schedule is: Sun Company, April 11—Spindletop 68, Sour Lake 68, Humble 68, Dayton 58, Batson 64 and Saratoga 65 cents. Gulf Company, April 11—Spindletop 68, Sour Lake 70, Saratoga 66, Humble 68 and Batson 64 cents. The Texas Company's March 30 quotations are: Sour Lake 70, Saratoga 66, Humble 68, Jennings and Shreveport 64 cents.

GULF COAST PRODUCTION ON APRIL 15.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS.

District.	Mch 15.	Mch 31.	Apl 15.
Saratoga	8,150	6,500	6,500
Batson	4,965	4,400	4,700
Humble	10,000	10,000	10,000
Sour Lake	6,320	5,770	5,680
Spindletop	6,000	6,800	6,950
Dayton	245	260	330
Totals	35,680	33,730	34,160

LOUISIANA.

District.	Mch 15.	Mch 31.	Apl 15.
Jennings	16,500	19,000	19,000
Caddo	250	1,100	1,080
Welsh	150	130	130
Anse la Butte	500	500	500
Totals	17,400	20,730	20,710

GULF COAST REGION.

District.	Mch 15.	Mch 31.	Apl 15.
Southeast Texas	35,680	33,730	34,160
Louisiana	17,400	20,730	20,710
Totals	53,080	54,460	54,870

GULF COAST WELL SUMMARY FIRST TWO WEEKS OF APRIL.

WELLS COMPLETED.

District.	Com.	Pdc.	Dry.	Abd.	Pdn.
Saratoga	2	2	0	0	325
Batson	1	1	0	0	10
Humble	8	4	*4	6	425
Spindletop	4	4	0	0	450
Dayton	0	0	0	0	0
Sour Lake	1	1	0	0	40
Jennings	12	10	2	0	13,150
Caddo	0	0	0	0	0
Anse la Butte	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	22	6	6	14,400
First half Mch.	33	24	9	22	9,475
Difference	5	2	3	16	4,925

*One Gasser.

WELLS DRILLING AND RIGS.

District.	Drilling Mch. 31.	Drilling Apl. 15.	Rigs Mch. 31.	Rigs Apl. 15.	Total Apl. 15.
Saratoga	4	5	4	1	6
Batson	7	6	0	0	6
Humble	38	42	10	5	47
Spindletop	17	22	2	1	23
Dayton	2	3	1	1	4
Sour Lake	5	10	3	2	12
Jennings	17	19	7	2	21
Caddo	15	18	3	2	20
Anse la Butte	4	5	0	0	5
Totals	109	130	30	14	144
Totals March 31					139

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HUMBLE.

COMPLETED.

Jno. O'Neil 34, Butler. Gasser.
Hermann 36, Hermann, 225 bbls.
Sun 39, Bailey. Dry.
Farish & Simms 15, Mason. 150 bbls.
Rucker & Breeding 2, Landslide. 25 bbls.
Webb 5, Cherry. 25 bbls.
Sun 43, Bailey. Dry.
McNally & Fondren 1, Weed. Dry.
Completed 8, producing 4, gas 1, dry 3, new production 425 bbls.

DRILLING.

Farish Agent 3, Butler. Shut down.
Farish 9, Hirsch. Shut down.
Sun 33, Westheimer. Shut down.
Sun 44, Weed. Cable tools(reported April 5 as on Higgins.)
Guffey 2, Tant & Freund.
Simms 1, River lease.
O'Neil 35, Butler.
Ninety-nine 31, Butler. Tubing.
Nicholson & Co. 1, Butler.
Woods & Meadows 3, Butler. Shut down.
Decker & Paddock 2, Bender.
Glasscock and others 1, O'Brien. Baling (reported April 5 as Glass.)
Esperson 10, Hermann. Setting strainer.
Leonard & Murphy 1, Westheimer.
Rucker & Breeding 3, Landslide.
Devore 5, Hermann. Awaiting standard rig.
Emerson 2, Moore.
Hermann 41, Hermann (reported April 5 as 42.)
Hermann 35, Hermann. Awaiting cable tools.
Producers 80, Landslide. Awaiting standard rig (reported April 5 as Fant & Freund.)
Producers 82; washing out.
Producers 83, Summers.
Simms & Sharp 2, Summers.
Simms & Farish 1, Chgo-Texas.
McKallip Bros. 2, Blackshear.
Granberry 1, King.
Producers 77, Butler. Shut down.
Producers 78, Milliken. Testing.
Producers 67, Fant & Freund. Shut down.
Producers 74, Hirsch. Shut down.
Burt-McGaffey 1, Fields. Shut down.
Cheek and others 1, Eckols. Shut down.
Hermann 2, Hermann.
Hermann 28, Hermann.
Burt-McGaffey 6, Stevens. Shut down.
McKallip & Fondren 3, Rogers. Shut down.
Charpiot and other 2, Charpiot. Shut down.
Moore & Mitchell 1, Butler. Shut down.
Harper 19, Wren. Shut down.
Producers 65 and 66, Fant & Freund. Shut down.
Rucker 1, Denman.
Drilling 42.

RIGS.

Hermann 38, 39, 40 and 42, Hermann.
Sun 45, Summers.
Rigs, 5.

ABANDONED.

Sun 29, Eckols. Dry.
Sun 32, Summers. Dry.
Sun 41, Bailey. Dry.
Eckols 1, Eckols. Dry.
Producers 53 and 59, Brockman. Dry.
Abandoned, 6.

NOTE.

Guffey & Simms 2, Bender, same as Simms 2, reported completed in issue April 5, for 75 bbls.

SPINDLETOP.

COMPLETED.

Lucky Strike 4, McFaddin; 125 bbls.
Benkenstein & Nelson 2 (Columbus-Louisiana Oil Co.); 20 bbls.
F. D. Smith & Co. 12, old Heywood lease; 20 bbls.
Unity 11, McFaddin, formerly Big Five; 275 bbls.
Completed, 4; producing, 4; new production, 450 bbls.

DRILLING.

Sun 1, McFaddin; shut down.
Moore & Callighan, McFaddin; cable tools.
Wagner, Teagle, Wilson and others, block 36, Hogg-Swayne; shut down.
J. C. Wilson and Sun Co., McFaddin; testing with steam head.
Henderson Oil Co. (formerly Deming and others), McFaddin.
T. C. Stribling and others 1, block 38, Hogg-Swayne; ready to test.
Aetna Oil Co. 1, block 21, Gladys; shut down.
Silverman and others, block 5, Gladys; baling.
F. D. Smith & Co. 11, old Heywood lease; shut down.
Bowles 8, McFaddin; tubing.
Hirshfield 2, McFaddin; shut down.
Lucky Strike 5, McFaddin.
Thrasher & Davis, 19, Gladys.

Guffey 101, Gladys.
Unity 30, Unity Fee Simple.
Bowles 11, McFaddin.
Kathleen Oil Co., block 25, Gladys.
Stribling, Speed and others 2, block 5, Gladys.
Wilson & Adsit 2 (old Miss.-Tex.), block 22, McFaddin.
Maguire & Co. 4, Yellow Pine.
G. W. Armstrong, old San Jacinto lease.
Unity 14, formerly Big Five, McFaddin.
Drilling 22.

RIGS.

Bowles 11, McFaddin.

DERRICKS.

Williams & Heilbron, old National lease, in Gladys bottoms.
Guffey 35, McFaddin.

NOTES.

Guffey 14, on the Gladys, will be connected up shortly with the central power now in use by that company operating a large group of wells.

Guffey 99, on the Gladys, reported in error issue April 5 as on the McFaddin, was abandoned, the derrick moved over and a new hole is now going down.

SOUR LAKE.

COMPLETED.

Texas 121, Texas farm, 40 bbls.

DRILLING.

Texas 122 and 123, Texas farm.
Edna 1, Jackson. Shut down.
Lone Pine 2, Sour Lake townsite.
Hardin Co. 9, Hardin Co. Gooing deeper.
Minor 22, Minor. Setting strainer.
Heidner & Hart, Cannon.
Anderson & Son 10, Sour Lake Oil Co. Twisted off.
Dodge & Hardin 2, Hamilton.
Young Oil Co. 20, Shoestring.
Drilling, 10.

RIGS.

T. S. Crosbie 4, Heywood.
Chappel & Drake 3, Wirt Davis.
Rigs, 2.

NOTE.

The Texas Company has added about $3,000 worth of machinery to its shops and has as much more on the way.

SARATOGA.

COMPLETED.

Santa Fe 18, Santa Fe, 25 bbls.
Guffey 5, Phillips strip, block 4, Hopkins, 300 bbls.
Completed 2, producing 2, new production 325 bbls.

DRILLING.

Tarver 4, Kirby, pumped 35 bbls at about 650 feet. Now drilling deeper.
Sun 42, Hopkins, 50 ft. W. of No. 1.
Britton 9, Sessler, 20 ft. W. of No. 5.
Guffey 5 and 6, strip 4, Hopkins.
Drilling 5.

RIGS.

Sun 40, Kirby.

DERRICKS.

Guffey 12, Phillips.

DRILLED DEEPER.

Producers 4, S. C. & S. deepened to about 1,450 ft. now flowing 100 bbls., no water.
Rio Bravo 234, Rio Bravo; deepened to about 1,550 ft., now flowing 200 bbls.

BATSON.

COMPLETED.

Acorn 10, Paraffine 30 acres, 10 bbls.

DRILLING.

Guffey 80, Wing.
Guffey 81, Wing.
Paraffine 1, Green.
Meehan 4, Mary Ellen.
Cubberly 2, Green.
Edwards-Hefley 2, Milhome.
Drilling 6.

DERRICKS.

Browning 11, Thaxton.
Guffey 8, Marshall.
Derricks 2.

LOCATIONS.

Guffey 9, 10 and 12, Marshall.

NOTES.

E. F. Denman has bought the property of the Cavitt Oil Co., known as the Huntington 2 acres.

The storm the night of April 13 blew down 64 derricks and 8 standard rigs.

DAYTON.

COMPLETED.

None.

DRILLING.

Andrews & Fox 5, Section 125, about 150 feet east of No. 3. Setting six-inch casing.
Dayton 1, Section 125. Shut down.
American Sulphur & Oil 2, River bottom. Flow of salt water. Have piped off to discharge.
Drilling 3.

RIGS.

American Sulphur & Oil, River bottom. Rig moved 120 feet south from No. 2.

NOTE.

It is reported that a deal is on between the owners of the American Sulphur & Oil Company and St. Louis parties concerning further development of the property.

THE MISSION FIELD.

Two wells are reported producing in the Mission field, Mission Oil Company No. 3 about 25 barrels, and Walsh Oil Company No. 1 in the neighborhood of 15 barrels. The Karney gas well is reported as having choked up and ceased producing. Josey & Hamill are drilling about a mile south of Leon creek, being down about 500 feet, and E. L. Porch and associates are preparing to drill near Mitchell's Lake.

JENNINGS.

COMPLETED.

J. H. O. S. 56, Clement, 500 bbls.
J. H. O. S. 57, Clement, 1,000 bbls.
National 2, Schultz, 400 bbls.
Heywood Oil Co. 6, Acadia, 200 bbls.
Zigler 2, Schultz, 1000 bbls.
McInerney 1, Schultz, salt water.
Carencro 1, Conklin, salt water.
Producers 37, Latreille, 500 bbls.
Producers 38, Latreille 750 bbls (now (now sanded.)
Producers 41, Latreille, 4,800 bbls.
Producers 18, 100 ft. E. of J. H. O. S., 3000 bbls.
Completed 12, producing 10, dry 2, new productions 13,150 bbls.

DRILLING.

Interstate 2, Schultz.
J. H. O. S. 52, Southern.
J. H. O. S. 54, Fee Simple.
J. H. O. S. 58, Fee Simple.
J. H. O. S. 59, Lekelt.
J. H. O. S. 60, Fee Simple.
Jennings 14, Clement.
Heywood Oil Co. 4 and 5, Eunice-Crowley.
Zigler 4, Conklin.
Zigler 5, Schultz.
Ismerie 3, Schultz.
National 3, Schultz.
C. O. & M. Co. 36 and 37, Fee Simple.
Producers 35, Latreille; sanded.
Producers 42, Latreille.
McFarlain 1, McFarlain.
Hill and Knott 1, Coffin.
Drilling 19.

RIGS.

Producers 43, Latreille.
Heywood Oil Co. 6, Eunice-Crowley.
Rigs 2.

LOCATIONS.

Zigler, Banks, Mattison 1, Tischel.
Noble 4, Eunice-Crowley.
Locations 2.

NOTES.

Producers 35, 100 feet east from 34 was brought in, but sanded up, so is classified as uncompleted.

Producers 38, 100 ft. W. of 22, was brought in by air, making 1,500 bbls of fluid, 50 per cent water. It was sanded on April 18.

Producers 41, 100 ft. W. of 40 was brought in by air, making about 3,000 bbls. of oil. It started gushing at rate of 4,800 bbls. then dropped to 4,000. Now on air.

Producers 18, 100 ft. E. of Syndicate property, came in April 15, making 3,000 bbls. On April 13 was gushing about 4,500 bbls.

CADDO.

COMPLETED.

None.

DRILLING.

Blanchard 2, Offenhauser.
Benedum and Trees 1, SW ¼ Sec. 12.
Blanchard 3, Graham.
Townsite 1, Richardson.
Producers 1, Evans, baling.
Producers 1, Homestead.
Caddo G. & O. 8, Offenhauser.
Richardson 2, Pitts.
Producers 2, Heilperin and Liebman; gassing.
Daniel and Alday 1, Wadkins.
Big Four 2, Guy 5 acres.
Richardson 1, Pitts; shut down.
Producers 2, B. B. L. C.
Caddo G. & O. 11, Smith.
Caddo G. & O. 12, McDowell.
Toxia 3, Heilperin and Liebman.
Producers 7, C. O. & M. Co.
Richardson 2, Mayfield.
Drilling 18.

RIGS.

Blanchard 3, Graham.
Lillie 1, Lillie.
Rigs 2.

DERRICKS.

Caddo G. & O. 13, Caddo Lake O. & P. L. Co.
Enterprise 1, Noel 20 acres.
Caddo G. & O. 5 and 6, Smith.
Benedum and Trees 2, Dixon.
Benedum and Trees 3, Rudersdorf.
Benedum and Trees 4, S. E. ¼ Sec. 32.
Richardson 3, Mayfield.
Producers 8, C. O. & M. Co.
Producers 1, Rudersdorf.
Producers 2, Murray.
Derricks 11.

NOTES.

The J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company has shipped two rigs to the South Caddo field. One will be placed over the Hostetter well and it will be cleaned out. The other rig will be utilized in drilling another well on the E. C. Christian land in section 31 near the Hostetter well.

McCormick & Kendall will sink a well on their forty-acre tract in section 31, township 20, range 15, which lies within a half mile of the Hostetter well.

H. R. Hughes is preparing to sink a well on the Glassel lease, section 10, township 20, range 15.

ANSE LA BUTTE.

COMPLETED.

None.

DRILLING.

Lake 8, R. Martin.
Grow 1, Patin.
H. B. O. C. 1, Patin.
Broussard 1, Broussard.
Deborah 1, Guedry; 525 feet.
Drilling 4.

DERRICKS.

H. B. O. C. 1, Alcee Melancon.
R. Martin 1, Martin Fee Simple.
Moresi Bros., Pourceaux.
H. B. O. C. 2, Patin.
Derricks 4.

NOTES.

Guffey 2, on the Hebert, listed as a derrick issue of April 5, will not be drilled, though the derrick is still up.

Anse la Butte Oil & Mineral 1, on the Begnaud farm is drilling deeper, now being about 1,900 feet.

H. B. O. C. 7 is also drilling deeper. Now about 1,850 feet and screen is being set.

The production of the field is as follows: Lake 1, 35 barrels; Lake 2, 75 barrels; Lake 6, 250 barrels; Lake 7, 350 barrels.

WELSH.

Production is reported as unchanged at Welch, being about 130 barrels. The Central City and Rio Bravo companies are building new derricks to replace those blown down by the recent storm, reported in the issue of April 5, and Ben Taber is unloading two air compressors and a drilling outfit, expecting to drill several wells on what is known as the Denver Company's property. The tract consists of about 300 acres.

A contract has been let to drill a deep well near Smiley, Wilson county, Texas. There are several artesian wells in this vicinity ranging from 750 to 1,100 feet, producing salt water.

Things are quiet at Lufkin, Texas, where newspaper correspondents reported a gusher several weeks ago, on the strength of a showing of oil in a water well. Since then the oil is reported to have run out of the well in small quantities at times, causing several stampedes by local enthusiasts when it became noised about that the well was flowing.

It is reported that eJnnings Bros. have closed a contract to drill at Yoakum, Texas, that machinery is on the way and work will be started as soon as the rig arrives. The test already started at this place and temporarily shut down will be deepened. It is now down about 800 feet.

The Barker Oil Company of Jennings has been organized with C. Z. Barker president, K. S. Connally vice-president and manager, F. C. Thiele secretary and C. S. Hadden treasurer, to drill for oil on a tract of land south of the Southern Pacific tracks in the city limits of Jennings. Indications of gas and oil are said to exist on the property. F. Davis Lewis, W. H. Lovegrove and S. Omencenzo, with the officers, compose the board of directors.

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REVIVAL OF RIVER TRAFFIC ON THE MISSISSIPPI.

Steps will be taken at a meeting at the Merchant's Exchange at St. Louis on April 21 toward the formation of a two million dollar company to own and operate a line of thirty steel barges for the transportation of grain from St. Louis to New Orleans by way of the Mississippi river. It is stated that the railroad rate can be cut in two by this method, and that the barge line will make money for its promoters. The grain men are not alone in realizing the possibilities of transportation via the Mississippi. It was reported some time ago, and mentioned in these columns, that the Standard Oil Company, in locating its new refinery at Wood river, near Alton Ill., on the Misisippi river a few miles north of St. Louis, had in mind an extensive barge line business. No official announcement has been made of the company's plans but the report had it that the Wood river refinery would become the basis of supply for important Mississippi valley points, and that oil would be delivered by boat to the principal centers of consumption and distribution north and south of St. Louis. The plan of the Standard is said to contemplate an extensive warehouse and distributing station at New Orleans. A pipe line has already been completed from Martinsville, Ill., to the Wood river refinery, and the product of the Illinois oil field is being pumped into storage at the refinery. It begins to appear reasonably certain that there will be a revival of river traffic on a large scale in the Mississippi valley.

DON'T CROWD THE OKLAHOMA OIL MEN—THEY'RE PUSHED HARD ENOUGH AS IT IS.

Conditions in the Oklahoma oil industry at present are similar in many respects to the situation existing in the Southeast Texas fields in 1901 and 1902, when there was an immense surplus of oil and no immediate means of marketing it. A gross receipts tax on oil production, under normal conditions, is unfair enough, but to have imposed such a burden on the Texas producers in the first two years of development would have been ruinous. The congestion in Oklahoma today is worse than that seven years ago. Nothing could be more inimical to the interests of the small producer than the enactment of a gross receipts tax at this time by the Oklahoma legislature. More than 25,000,000 barrels of the surplus oil accumulated in the last two years is now in storage in Oklahoma. This will be subject to the ad valorem tax, and in justice to the oil men the legislature ought to be satisfied with the large revenue which will come from this assessment.

The Oklahoma producers have enough on their hands without being made the victims of a tax that, at best, should be imposed only on industries which are in normal condition, and on a profitable basis.

A TRAIN LOAD OF TULSA BOOSTERS TOURING THE EAST.

On the theory that Missourians are not the only ones who must be "shown," Tulsa sent a train load of Boosters east on April 13 for a sixteen days' tour of the states between Oklahoma and the Atlantic seaboard. The special, consisting of Pullmans and a commissary car, pulled out of Tulsa at 2 in the afternoon, to the accompaniment of numerous and more or less joyful noises, such as steam whistles and band music. About 130 representative business and professional men of the city went on the train. A full assortment of specimens of the various mineral and other resources of the Tulsa district was carried east. A novel feature will be the publication of a daily paper on the train during the trip, a complete printing outfit having been installed in one of the cars. The Boosters' organ is known as the Tulsa Daily Courier, and is being edited by Colonel Cleary of the Tulsa Morning World. Dispatches from the east, published in the Kansas City and St. Louis papers, describe Editor Cleary as "a press agent who knows his business." A gasoline engine runs the press on which the Courier is printed. The Tulsans have been enthusiastically received all along the line. President Roosevelt gave them a cordial reception at the White House. There is no doubt that the purpose of the trip will be fully accomplished and that the Tulsa Boosters will more than get their money's worth in effective advertising for their city.

BURNING GAS WELL AT GRAY BULL, WYO.

A steady roaring flame, over 50 feet high, has for the last nine months marked the site of a gas well near Gray Bull, Bighorn Co., Wyoming. The report that the initial height of the flame was 70 feet can not be verified, but that the well is one of remarkable volume is certain. In diameter it is 5⅝ inches; in depth, 801 feet; it is cased down for 500 feet; and it was drilled for the Peay Hill Oil and Development Company by Messrs. Henry Sherard and Philip Minor, of Basin, Wyo. No instrumental measurements of the pressure have been made, but some idea of it may be obtained from the fact that the escaping gas has the power to lift a large log chain composed of one-half inch iron. A rough calculation, made in September, 1907, three months after the well was drilled, and based on the size of stones, ejected by the gas, indicated that the pressure at that time was more than 600 pounds to the square inch. Whether or not it is diminishing can not be determined, for according to the most reliable informtaion obtainable no change has been detected up to the present time.

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THE CALIFORNIA DERRICK.

The California Derrick, a new periodical devoted to the interests of the Pacific Coal oil industry, made its appearance last month. It is edited by Edward S. Eastman and is published at San Francisco. The Oil Investors' Journal wishes the Derrick a full measure of success.

CONFESSION OF AN ADVERTISER.

John M. Arters, general sales agent for Ajax engines, was mixing among 'em in Tulsa last week. He admits that he has sold more engines in Texas and Louisiana since he began advertising the Ajax in the Oil Investors' Journal four months ago than he has ever sold in that territory in a similar period before.

L. S. Haskell, general auditor for the Gulf Pipe Line interests arrived in Beaumont April 10 on a general tour of inspection. This is his first trip to Texas.

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To the person who sent a clipping with details of a breach of promise suit: Your enclosure comes under the head of Legal Notices. Our rate for breach of promise cases is $10 a line. Please remit. N. B.—If you have an axe to grind, better start a newspaper of your own.

By shooting harder and oftener the Fat Shark of Tulsa succeeded in defeating the Silent Wizard of Beaumont at the French pool tournament at the Robinson, Tulsa, on April 13. To add insult to injury the round gent now refers to the Wiz as "the Silent Lizard." Curse you, Jack Dalton! You shall pay for this!

Newspaper reports say that Lufkin, Tex., is threatened with an oil strike. One of the local correspondents recently sent out a dispatch in which he contradicted the previously published statement that the well was gushing. Such a display of scruples is unusual. He admitted, however, that "oil was running out of the well at its own accord," and modestly declared that "it is only a question of time until Lufkin will be classed with the oil producing towns of the state." This recalls the old vaudeville gag in which the girl asks: "Is your father living yet?" and the other member of the team replies: "Not yet."

A private message from Houston states that Ab Moore has appeared there in a cream colored suit and a Johnny Spencer hat, and that he is carrying a race track cane. The dope says further that he is attending all the matinees and that the glare of his suit makes it impossible to see the moving pictures. Fie on you, Ab!

Harry Hanszen engaged in a wrestling match with a horse at Okmulgee last week. The horse rose up and then laid back on him. One of Harry's legs was badly bent. He now spends his spare time rubbing hoss liniment on it. The worst feature of it is that Harry was already bow-legged. He is thinking of having the other leg bent so as to match the one the horse fell on.

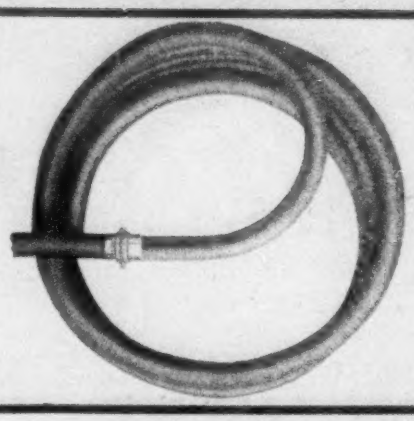
Charley Wilson of the Higgins Company has joined the Texas colony at Tulsa. All of the other exiles were glad to welcome him. He is located at the Keystone Oil & Gas Company's offices, First and Main streets.

H. L. Wood says he was on a Frisco train recently which jerked so hard and so often that it broke a bottle of spirits of Peruna and a box of matches in his grip, with the result that the spirits caught fire and were consumed. Hereafter he will carry his Peruna in a rubber bottle when he rides on the Frisco.

A NEW TEXAS REALTY JOURNAL.

The first number of the Texas Realty Journal has just been issued from Houston and Beaumont and is being widely distributed among homeseekers and settlers, to whose interests the publication is devoted. The paper shows a good line of advertising, indicating that the realty dealers, to whom it must look for support, are alive to the value of such a publication and recognize the aid it will be in interesting not only homeseekers, but manufacturers and promoters of various kinds of industries in the advantages offered by Texas. The paper is edited by Frank Eberle; C. C. Buckingham is business manager and E. H. Lederer is advertising manager, and it has offices in Houston, San Antonio, Fort Worth and Dallas.

The hearing on the appeal of the Standard Oil Company from the fine imposed by Judge Landis has been set for May 7 and 8 at Chicago.



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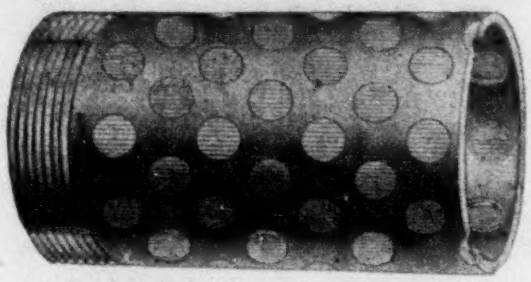

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A SAD AND SUDDEN PARTING.

Shattuck, Ok., April 8.—Sent by their parents to lariat two cows, two small girls living near Dobey Springs tied the cows' heads together and then their tails. Becoming frightened, the cows bolted and pulled apart, causing one of the animals to lose her tail by the bone breaking.—Dallas News.

On April 11 the Supreme Court of Tennessee rendered an opinion ousting the Standard Oil Company from the state, except as to interstate business. Alleged acts in restraint of trade and in violation of the Tennessee anti-trust laws formed the basis of the original suit. The company will take the case to the United States Supreme Court.

ANNUAL MEETING OF HEYWOOD COMPANY.

The annual stockholders' meeting of the Heywood Oil Company of Beaumont was held at the offices of the company in Beaumont April 14. The affairs of the company for the past fiscal year ending March 31 were reviewed and found to be in excellent condition. Immediately afterwards President W. C. Tyrrell gave out the following letter to stockholders of the company:

To the stockholders of the Heywood Oil Company: The annual meeting of the company was held at its offices in the city of Beaumont, Texas, at which meeting the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: W. C. Tyrrell, B. R. Norvell, A. M. McFaddin, W. C. Tyrrell, Jr., Wm. Wiess, F. B. Martin.

The following officers were elected: W. C. Tyrrell, president; H. W. Heyward, secretary; W. C. Tyrrell, Jr., vice-president; F. B. Martin, assistant secretary; B. R. Norvell, treasurer.

Below I beg to give you the annual statement of the company:

RESOURCES.

Texas and Louisiana real estate and leases	$[illegible]1,334.49
Illinois leases	19,349.47
Oklahoma leases and investments	260,927.03
Plant, Texas and Louisiana; wells and equipment, air plants, pipe lines and equipment of leases	130,373.13
Crude oil stock	138,671.18
Steel tanks	98,369.38
Earthen tanks	10,496.18
Accounts receivable	76,811.15
Stock investment	50,500.00
Bills receivable	32,750.00
Cash on hand in bank	38,869.28
Tank cars	26,494.98
Office furniture and fixtures	662.30
Total resources	$985,808.57

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock	$800,000.00
Accounts payable	2,191.19
Excess resources over liabilities	183,617.38
	$985,808.57

I trust the same will meet with your approval.

Yours very truly,
HEYWOOD OIL COMPANY,
W. C. Tyrrell, President.

CADDO PARISH SEEKS TO KEEP NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE.

An ordinance adopted by the Caddo parish, La., police jury on April 9 provides that no pipe line in the parish shall be granted the right to cross any public road if it is contemplated that the line is to extend beyond the state boundary.

The police jury took this action on account of rumored schemes of piping the gas to Texas and Arkansas cities. The ordinance holds that any person or persons crossing the roads and highways with their mains without official permission will forfeit their rights to use said roads and the property shall be seized and sold by the parish. Only companies organized under the laws of Louisiana will be allowed to carry on the natural gas pipe line business.

This measure, the jury believes, will serve the purpose as well as a state act, as the oil field is within the limits of the parish. The gas and oil men will endeavor to have the ordinance declared of no effect by the courts.

It is reported that oil was found at 336 feet in a well drilled on the farm of James C. Evans, three miles north of Harlem, a Kansas City suburb. Gas was found on the A. E. Davis farm four miles north of Harlem at a depth of 86 feet six weeks ago.

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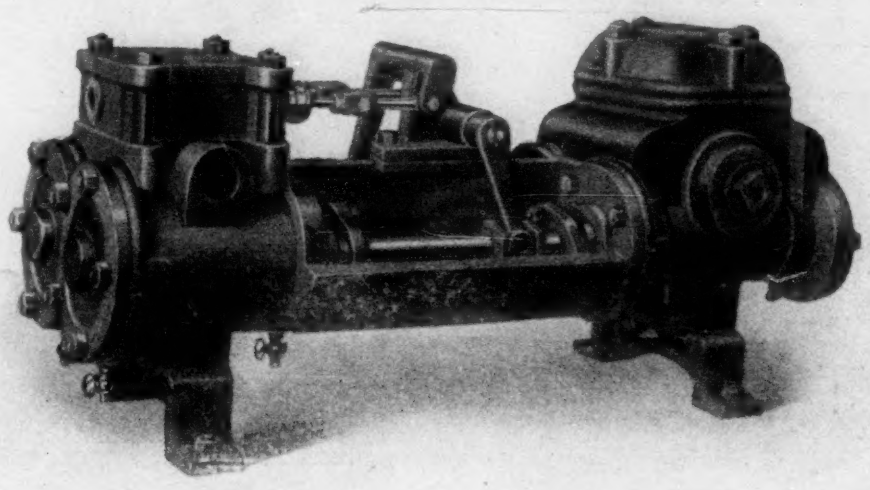

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CASE AGAINST OIL COMPANIES CONTINUED.

The case of the state of Texas against the Security Oil Company et al. including the Navarro Refining Company of Corsicana, and the Union Tank Line Company, the National Transit Company and the Standard Oil Companies of New York, New Jersey and Indiana has been continued in the District Court at Austin without prejudice. Service has been secured on the Texas corporations but to date has not been obtained on the outside companies. The state has 65 tank cars of the Union Tank Line Company impounded within its limits and leased by the receiver to the Kansas City Southern railroad. The receiver is protected by a $65,000 bond and receives a rental of 50 cents per day per car. In due course it is expected the state will institute proceedings in rem against the Union Tank Line Company asking for a judgment for penalties and foreclosure on the impounded cars, on the ground that the holding from control of the company of so many cars is in itself sufficient notice.

The Texas Company on April 20 reduced the price of Jennings crude to 60 cents, Shreveport (Caddo) to 58, Sour Lake to 68, Saratoga to 64 and Humble to 65.

The Paraffine Oil Company started drilling on the Babcock 4,000-acre tract, half a mile north of Devers, Tex., on April 9.

At Sutherland Springs, Texas a test is to be drilled for oil, but work has not yet started.

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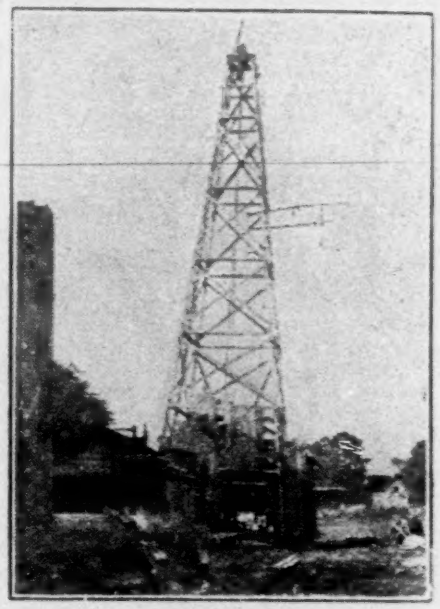

THE MERITS OF FUEL OIL WON AGAINST OPPOSITION IN ENGLISH NAVY.

An editorial in the Liverpool Post and Mercury of recent date goes quite fully into the details of the circumstances attending the adoption of liquid fuel by the British Admiralty. It appears that in England, as in America strong opposition to the use of oil exists in certain quarters, despite the manifest superiority of liquid fuel over coal. Supplementing Mr. Kermode's personal letter to the Oil Investors' Journal, appearing in the March 5 number, the editorial from the English newspaper is given in full:

In these days when naval supremacy is the pre-eminent question, too much importance cannot be attached to any progressive movement which leads toward Great Britain maintaining her position as mistress of the seas. It is, therefore, well to mark one of the most important steps made for many years in this direction—we refer to the adoption of oil fuel by the Admiralty. Liverpool people are especially and intimately interested in this matter, since there can be but little doubt that it is due to the iniative of a Liverpool inventor, Mr. J. J. Kermode—if Mr. Hall Caine and the other Manxmen will permit us to claim him for Liverpool—that the government has made such an enormous advance in enhancing the effectiveness and mobility of our ships. Some five years ago, Mr. Kermode conducted trials on the destroyer Surly with his system of oil fuel and on behalf of his firm, and so excellent were the results that the Admiralty declined to publish the results, no doubt properly fearing that other governments might be keen to adopt a device that was proved to be so effective. Possibly even the Admiralty itself is cognizant of the fact that native inventors are not usually dealt with generously by their grateful country. Be that as it may, the illustrations published of the oil fuel plant fitted for the Mohawk show quite clearly that the genius of the Liverpool inventor has been fully utilized in the arrangement on that vessel. It is to be hoped, for the encouragement of inventors generally, that full and proper recognition has been made of this fact.

For some reason or other, a certain section of alleged Navy supporters have gone out of their way to condemn with great emphasis the adoption of oil fuel. We perhaps do them an injustice, for it must be admitted that before the Surly trial the authorities were hostile to the new method their adverse reports being based upon the trials made with what, up to that date, they considered the best installation. As they were then justified by results, so they are now, and their action is confirmed by the way in which oil fuel, on what we may call the Kermode system, has been adapted in the construction of motors of various sorts, including steam fire-engines. But the opponents of the new system are strong on the point that warships should not sacrifice their adaptability to consume coal—though if oil is better than the solid combustible, that seems a futile argument. These critics are apparently ignorant of one of the things that was proved almost more emphatically than anything else in the Surly trials, which was that with the new arrangement oil or coal can be used at will. Those who have seen the invention at work require no convincing in regard to that proposition. In a long and most interesting letter, the greater portion of which we reproduce in another column, Mr. Kermode points out in comprehensive terms the many advantages of oil over coal, and, indeed, their name is legion. His letter has been forced from him by the attack of a writer in the "Navy League Journal" on oil fuel as a whole, and it is curious in these times of progress to find such conservatism in one desirous of seeing the Navy made as effective an instrument as modern science can make it.

Among the acknowledged defects of coal are its bulk and consequent heavy demands for labor and space, its unevenness of quality and imperfect combustion, beyond which comes the very material objection of smoke production, a tell-tale signal for many miles. On every one of these points oil is infinitely superior and there remains only for a solution of the problem such a utilization of the liquid fuel as will take full advantage of these points without introducing faults that will outweigh or even detract from these desirable features. Nonexperts must accept the view of the Admiralty on that, and when, after many trials, they have decided to adopt as their own—with possible modifications, as Mr. Kermode modestly admits—the most improved oil burners, their decision should be respected, subject to proper criticism, of course. In regard to bulk of coal, we are told in the letter referred to that "the fireroom 'crowd' on the Lusitania would be reduced from 312 to 27 hands by the substitution of oil for coal," and 4,000 tons of cargo and quite 250 more passengers could be accommodated. In addition to these tremendous gains, there would be an important saving in power, since "the deposition of soot and other matter in the boiler tubes of a ship like the Lusitania accounts for the loss of quite 10,000 "indicated horsepower every four hours." As the dominie would say, "Prodeeglous!" Of the treacherous column of smoke we have already spoken. The danger of explosion is also less with oil than with its antique rival. Finally, in regard to the Navy, "the introduction of oil fuel to the Navy takes for speed, a wider range of action, its use will reduce the number of stokers, and these could be added to the fighting strength; it will lighten the task of the stokers that are employed. It will remove the smoke column, which is so menacing a thing for a warship, and the fuel will keep without serious deterioration (in any climate) for an indefinite period." In regard to taking in fuel, a hosepipe and oil pump will do more than an army of coal loaders, and it really seems as though Mr. Kermode makes out a case to which there is no substantial reply.

The Higgins Oil & Fuel Company's third test at Edgerly, La., was dry and has been abandoned.

REMINISCENCES OF WEST VIRGINIA'S EARLY OIL DEVELOPMENT.

Editor Oil Investors' Journal. Dear Sir—In your issue of March 19 a clipping from Elizabeth Times, West Virginia, very vividly brings to mind my boyhood days in the oil country. The wind-up of the last verse recalls an instance of two producing wells on head of "Twin Lick," near Volcano, Wood county, W. Va., known as the twin wells. These wells were producing in the early sixties about 300 barrels each, with no pipe line facilities. The Ohio river was nearly twenty miles away. Tankage and cooperage were very high at the time. General A. J. Warner of Marietta, Ohio, was the manager of the company, and decided to haul this oil overland in barrels to the river. Your readers can imagine what this meant. The roads for several miles to the pike were something like they are in the Texas fields during wet weather, only many hills had to be crossed there. My father, who was one of the very early drillers and contractors in that section at the time, often gave shelter to the general and his old black horse ("General," also), used in the then very recent rebellion, as a saddle horse. The writer remembers a story of General Warner's regarding the cost of tankage and barrels to save the product of the twin wells. He made the remark one day while at our house "that it almost broke the company up to buy tankage and barrels. Burning Springs was about all in in 1864, but the producers there marketed their oil usually at Parkersburg, boating the oil down the Little Kanawa river during freshets, and oh, Lordy, weren't those boatmen wild men when they pulled into port with a cargo! They took the town keys and did as they pleased.

The first pipe line in that field was from Rogers Gulf to Petroleum on the B. & O. railroad. How many predictions of failure there were! "No pump could force oil over those steep hills for four or five miles." Indeed, the prophecy was true at first, but because the pump was not large enough to do the work.

This same General Warner had the honor of shipping the first cargo of 10,000 barrels of petroleum to Europe. This oil was barreled on a loading platform at Petroleum, Richie county, W. Va., taken to Baltimore and loaded on vessels. Being only a boy at the time, I received $1 per day for tacking square tins over the bungs to prevent them from coming out.

Over forty years have come and gone and they are still producing oil in those fields. Why not in Texas also?

Yours truly,
W. R. OSBORNE.

Humble, Texas, March 6, 1908.

The Dayton Oil Company of Dayton, N. M., is reported to have found oil at 600 feet in a test well in the Pecos Valley between Artesia and Lockwood.

L. D. Norton is deepening an old well on top of the hill in the Matagorda, Tex., field. He expects to go 2,000 feet. Coward & Deming have leased the property of the Big Hill syndicate and will drill a test about 2,000 feet north of development.

INCORPORATIONS.

Texas.

The Japan Oil Company of Houston; capital stock, $25,000. Incorporators: J. C. McCarty, George A. Byers and J. D. Lawson.

Louisiana.

New Orleans-Anse-la-Butte Oil & Mineral Co. of New Orleans; $50,000 capital stock. Incorporators: Paul LeDanois, Dr. Louis Bourgeaud, Alber P. Sanchez and others.

Enterprise Oil & Pipe Line Co., of Shreveport. Incorporators: J. B. Ardis, president; S. J. Ward, vice-president, and A. J. Ingersoll, treasurer.

The Lake Charles Oil Company of Lake Charles, capital $25,000, D. M. Foster, president; F. E. Thrall, vice-president, and V. Wainwright, secretary and treasurer, has been formed to prospect for oil near the city.

Oklahoma.

Rutherford Oil & Gas Co., of Claremore; $20,000 capital stock. Incorporators: Charlie Brown, Nowata, Okla.; H. H. Medler, Muskogee, Okla.; William Poison, Coffeyville, Kas.

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Sater Oil & Gas Co., of Okmulgee; $25,000 capital stock. Incorporators: A. A. Lambert of Okmulgee; Harry Ross and Andrew Denson, Independence, Kas.

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Canton Oil Co., of Okmulgee; $100,000 capital stock. Incorporators: Lee Bean, L. Caton, H. E. Webb and F. R. Caton.

Miscellaneous.

Elk Oil & Gas Co., of Ashland, Ky.; $500,000 capital stock to develop oil wells in Morgan county. Incorporators: R. H. Vansant, president; J. C. Mayo, vice-president; Charles Russell, secretary-treasurer.

Palm Oil Co., of Mobile, Ala.; capital stock, $10,000, with $3,000 paid in. Incorporators: W. F. Owen, B. H. Gray, H. A. Mangold, F. J. Ravlin and J. W. H. Handley, all of Mobile. The last two are president and secretary and treasurer respectively.

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HIGGINS COMPANY SUES CRUSEL.

The Higgins Oil & Fuel Company brought suit in the United States circuit court at New Orleans on April 4 against J. Edw. Crusel of New Orleans alleging that he failed to fulfill a contract for oil to be supplied from the Jennings field. The complaint alleges that the contract was 50,000 barrels of oil, on which a balance of 18,692 barrels was not furnished, forcing the plaintiff to buy this amount on a rising market at a loss of $7,944.20, the amount sued for.

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ADDITIONAL SUITS AGAINST DEFUNCT OIL COMPANIES.

Suit has been entered by County Attorney C. W. Howth against forty-five oil companies which have failed to pay their franchise tax under the act of 1879, article 4343. Many of the defendant companies were creatures of the boom and in many cases had corporate existence merely for the purpose of promotion. In other cases they died when their properties were rendered unprofitable by decreased production or low prices of oil. A receiver is asked in each case to permit of the advertisement and public sale of the properties to satisfy not only the state and county taxes accrued, but the original franchise tax as well. The list follows:

Kaltenback Oil Co., Golden Eagle Oil Co., Queen City Oil Co., Sutcliffe Oil Co., Phoenix Oil Co., Beaumont-Spindletop Oil Co., Mercantile Oil & Fuel Co., of Beaumont and St. Louis, Bradley Oil Co., Beaumont Oil and Mineral Co., Beaumont Petroleum Co., Columbia Oil Co., Trans-Mississippi Oil and Mineral Co., Missouri, Kansas and Texas Oil Co., Rockefeller Oil Co., Texas and Pacific Oil Co., The Old Alcalde Oil Co., of Galveston, Texas Railway, Oil and Coal Co., Texas Star Oil and Land Co., Success Oil Co., Continental National Oil and Refining Co., Sour Lake-Franco-American Petroleum Co., Iowa-Beaumont Oil Co., Newport-Texas Oil Co., Oklahoma-Texas Oil Co., Mitchell Oil Co., Mercer County Oil Co., Grace Oil Co., People's Oil Co., Golden State Oil Co., Alameda Beaumont Oil and Storage Co., Young Ladies' Oil Co., Boston-Beaumont Oil Co., New York and Texas Oil Co., St. Louis-Texas Oil Co., New England-Beaumont Oil Co., Star Petroleum Co., Henrietta Oil and Refining Co., Henry County Oil Co., Texas Fuel Oil Co., Illinois Oil Co., Boss Oil Co., Henderson County Oil Co., Ideal Oil and Refining Co., Beaumont Amalgamated Spindletop Oil Co.

STATES HAVE AUTHORITY TO INSPECT OIL.

The United States Supreme Court has handed down a decision of much importance to oil refiners and shippers with regard to the right of the states under their several oil inspection laws to exact fees for the inspection of oil which, though in transit, happens to be stored for any length of time in the state where the inspection is sought to be made. The court holds in effect that while such inspection is a regulation of commerce and cannot be enforced with regard to bona fide interstate shipments which are of a continuous character, nevertheless oils stored even temporarily within the boundaries of a state, though not intended for sale in such a state, but for transportation to another state, are subject to the local inspection laws and the interstate jurisdiction of the Federal government cannot be invoked to prevent such inspection.

The case ruled upon by the court was that of the General Oil Company vs. John S. Crain, oil inspector for the City of Memphis, Tenn.

Later and more accurate dope on the Clayco No. 4 on the Lochridge tract in the Henrietta field, North Texas, reduces the estimate of its production very materially. It was reported a 150 barrel well, but it has averaged not more than 20 barrels a day. The capacity of the well is put at 30 barrels. It is lass than 700 feet deep.

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